

across the United States, Commander Chapman insists that aiding and protecting our veterans should always be one of our top priorities.

Mr. Speaker, Commander Harold Chapman's dedication to public service and commitment to helping our nation's veterans must be commemorated. Commander Chapman has always put his country before himself, and it is both an honor and privilege to serve as his Representative in Congress.

IN HONOR OF MAJOR GENERAL
ROBERT D. CARLSON

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK
OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, July 17, 2017

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Major General Robert D. Carlson, who departed from his role as Commander of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Transatlantic Division, on July 14, 2017. Major General Carlson has dedicated his life to keeping this nation safe, and I am grateful for not only his outstanding service to our great nation, but also to the citizens of Virginia's 10th Congressional District in his capacity as commander of the Transatlantic Division, located in Winchester, Virginia.

At a young age, Major General Carlson chose to pursue a career of service in defense of the freedoms that we cherish. This led him to attend the United States Military Academy where he earned a Bachelor of Science in general engineering. Upon graduation, Major General Carlson was commissioned into the Engineer Regiment and later received a Master of Science in engineering management from the University of Missouri and a Master of Arts in strategic studies from the United States Army War College (USAWC) at Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

Throughout his distinguished career, Major General Carlson has served in numerous command and staff positions from company-to division-level units. Before assuming his current position, some of Major General Carlson's assignments include commanding the 372nd Engineer Brigade and the Contingency Response Unit, 416th Theater Engineer Command, and serving as the Chief of Staff, U.S. Agency for International Development. The colossal amount of prestigious awards and decorations that he has attained are illustrative manifestations of his heroic service and devotion to this nation. These honors, among others, include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Commendation Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Achievement Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, Department of State Meritorious Honor Award, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal with Bronze Service Star, Afghanistan Campaign Medal with Bronze Service Star, Global War on Terror Service Medal, NATO-SFOR (Balkans) Medal, NATO-ISAF (Afghanistan) Medal, Parachutist Badge, Air Assault Badge, and the Engineer Regiment Bronze DeFleury Medal.

Under his esteemed leadership as commander of the Transatlantic Division, he oversaw both the USACE Contingency Construction Program and the Associated Foreign

Military Sales Construction Programs, which provided vital facilities for U.S. Forces and our allies throughout the Middle East. Additionally, Major General Carlson has also been a proponent of increasing awareness of and expanding opportunities for today's youth in the Science, Engineering and Technical career fields and has been involved in STEM-related events, such as National Engineer Week and TAM-sponsored STEM events in the Winchester area.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the entire 10th District, I would like to express my gratitude to Major General Carlson for his dedicated career of service, and I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing such a truly commendable figure. I wish him and his wife, Valerie, and their three children, Cody, Chad, and Camie, all the best as he moves on to his next assignment.

IN HONOR OF CONSUL GENERAL
DR. ANDY DAVID

HON. TOM McCLINTOCK
OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, July 17, 2017

Mr. McCLINTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the efforts of Dr. Andy David, Israel's Consul General to the Pacific Northwest, who has worked tirelessly to deepen the ties between our two nations, as he completes his tour of duty at the Consulate General of Israel in San Francisco.

Dr. Andy David began his appointment as Consul General in August 2012. He has focused his work on relationship building with essential organizations such as the American Jewish Committee and promoting the special relationship between Israel and the U.S.

Throughout his career in public service, Dr. David has focused his work to advance U.S.-Israeli relations in the areas of economic development, business ties and trade opportunities.

Dr. David helped launch a cultural exchange with Israeli artists and the City of San Francisco, developing a strong exchange program with San Francisco-based artists and their Israeli counterparts.

Under Andy's guidance, the University of California system signed a new cooperation agreement with Israel designed to foster technological innovation, research, and development. This collaboration is aimed at helping American and Israeli companies increase competitiveness and improve the commercial success of both countries in global markets.

In 2014, after a series of anti-Israel rallies cropped up throughout San Francisco, Dr. David and fellow pro-Israel supporters organized a rally to show solidarity for continued U.S. support of Israel and increase morale for Israeli soldiers fighting against terrorist groups in Gaza.

Today, a strong U.S.-Israeli relationship is more important than ever. Without the selfless dedication of public servants like Dr. David, the peace and security of both nations would suffer.

The United States knows no greater friend than Israel, and Dr. David has done an extraordinary job of fostering an understanding among Americans of the importance of Israel to the security of the United States. I hope the

accomplishments made by Dr. David will inspire a future generation of public servants to deepen the ties between our countries.

Mr. Speaker, the partnership between the United States and Israel will continue to reap Dr. Andy David's contributions for years to come, and I rise to express my profound gratitude for his tremendous service.

RECOGNIZING MASTER SERGEANT
STANLEY W. TALBOT AND THE
RENAMING OF CENTENNIAL
BRIDGE

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, July 17, 2017

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the renaming of the Centennial Bridge in Rock Island to the Stanley Talbot Memorial Bridge in honor of Master Sergeant Stanley W. Talbot. After serving our community for decades—and after being taken from us far too soon—it is fitting that we honor Master Sgt. Talbot and his family for his dedication, selflessness and public service.

Every day we rely on men and women in uniform to protect our families, as they bravely risk their lives for our safety. We must never forget that these men and women are mothers, fathers, sons, daughters and friends. As the wife of a Sheriff, I sympathize with the family, friends and colleagues of Master Sgt. Talbot. He was a beloved member of the community and his 26 year service to the Illinois State Police deserves to be honored in a public and lasting way.

Memorials and dedications like these help us to remember his sacrifice and the brave sacrifices of those that come after him. Once again, I want to honor Master Sgt. Talbot, and support law enforcement within our community.

HONORING THE CONTRIBUTIONS
OF MRS. ANITA JOHNSON TO
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HON. MAXINE WATERS

OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, July 17, 2017

Ms. MAXINE WATERS of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of the Financial Services Committee, its Chairman, Mr. HENSARLING, and the U.S. House of Representatives, as I pay tribute to one of the hardest working and dedicated employees this House has ever known.

Mr. Speaker, for over 30 years Anita L. Johnson has served this chamber with distinction, undeniable integrity, humility, kindness, grace, and skill. For the past several years, she has worked ably and diligently as the Chief Administrative Officer for the Democratic Staff of the Financial Services Committee.

Mrs. Johnson began her career on Capitol Hill in 1982 as the Office Manager and Personal Assistant to then-Congressman Harold Ford, Sr. In 1986 she became Office Manager and Personal Assistant to Congressman SANDY LEVIN.